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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT C

Dear Sir:

Prior to the Examination of the current RCE, please amend claims 86, 87 and 88, presented with Amendment C, to read as follows:

86. (Amended) In a process according to claim 80, the improvement wherein the source inulin has a (\overline{DP}), respectively a mean (\overline{DP}) of at least 14, and the high performance grade chicory inulin, respectively improved high performance grade chicory inulin, is obtained in a yield of at least 45% based on the source material, and has a (\overline{DP}), respectively a mean (\overline{DP}), of at least 20, the mean (\overline{DP}) being taken over a processing period of the source chicory roots of at least 60 days.

87. (Amended) In a process according to claim 81, the improvement wherein the source inulin has a (\overline{DP}), respectively a mean (\overline{DP}) of at least 14, and the high performance grade chicory inulin, respectively improved high performance grade chicory inulin, is obtained in a yield of at least 45% based on the source material, and has a (\overline{DP}), respectively a mean (\overline{DP}),

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